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Title: Need to provide financial assistance to the Government of Karnataka for establishing a Modern Training Institute and Research Centre for Drivers at Hassan, Karnataka - Laid.

SHRI G. PUTTA SWAMY GOWDA (HASSAN) : There is a proposal to establish a Modern Training Institute and Research Centre for Drivers at Hassan, Karnataka. The Transport Department of Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (K.S.R.T.C.) has submitted the proposed project to the State Government. The total estimated expenditure is only Rs.300 lakh. The Karnataka Government has already sent the proposal to the Centre on 30.09.2003.

This Institute is expected to provide essential knowledge and driving skills to make the drivers efficient and encourage safe driving in the interest of road safety.

KSRTC owns 92 acres of land at Hassan for this purpose. All other infrastructural facilities are also available for establishing this research centre.

At present, the transport system in Karantaka, particularly in cities like Bangalore, Mysore, Hubli and other cities is in a mess. Everyday accidents are taking place, especially on the national highways. Hence, there is an urgent need to establish such a research centre in Hassan. I, therefore, urge upon the Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport and National Highways to release the required fund of Rs.300 lakhs immediately for the purpose.